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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action issued on March 31, 2003, please amend the present application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification: None.

Amendments to the Claims: Reflected in the listing of

claims that begins on page 2

of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: None.

Remarks/Arguments: Begin on page 7 of this

paper.